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SUBJECT: MUSHROOMS

REF: A. TAIPEI 6750 B. STATE 211898 C. STATE 221537

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE EXPECTED ROC LETTER (REF A), THE EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE THAT DUE TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM IN THE U.S., WE ARE ANXIOUS TO ENTER INTO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON A VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. DIRECTOR WONG'S STATEMENTS HERE (REF B) IN WASHINGTON LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WOULD BE THE PURPOSE OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BE CONCLUDED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. REF C CONTAINS THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY WITH THE KOREANS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR FURTHER MATERIAL TO STRENGTHEN ITS BRIEF, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE
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USEFUL:

A. RECENTLY LETTERS HAVE ARRIVED BOTH IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT SIGNED JOINTLY BY BOTH PENNSYLVANIA SENATORS AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. THESE LETTERS DESCRIBE SOME U.S. PRODUCERS AS BEING ON THE VERGE OF FAILURE AS A RESULT OF IMPORT COMPETITION AND THE

RECENT FDA INSPECTION PROGRAM. THEY STRONGLY URGE AN IMMEDIATE CONCLUSION TO OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ROC AND THE ROK AND SAY THAT BASE YEAR TOTALS AND GROWTH RATES SHOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED.

B. GROWER PRICES FOR FRESH MUSHROOMS THIS YEAR ARE DOWN SHARPLY FROM 1972. FIGURES THROUGH NOVEMBER 2, 1973 SHOW THAT PRICES HAVE FALLEN FROM THE 34-36 CENT PER POUND RANGE IN 1972 TO A RANGE OF 27-30 CENTS PER POUND IN 1973. ACCORDING TO AN INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN, THE 1973 PRICES ARE SEVERAL CENTS PER POUND BELOW THE BREAKEVEN POINT. THESE PRICES CAN BE SEEN IN CONTEXT BY REFERRING TO PAGES A-38 THROUGH A-44 OF THE TARIFF COMMISSION REPORT. RUSH

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